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How to appropriately punish Microsoft for the abuse of power they have exhibited over the past decade:

First, Split the company! Windows operating system should be one company on it's own.

Microsoft Office programs should
be it's own company

Internet Explorer and other
Internet related software should be one company

Retail products such as Xbox and
peripherals should be one company

The Office suite of software should be forced to run on the three major platforms, Windows, Mac and Linux.

If any monetary settlement is involved, it should be in cash and given to each school to use as they wish.

Microsoft should not be allowed to buy up smaller companies only to disband them and cannibalize their assets.

Microsoft should be made liable for any security flaws in it's software. If a hacker programs a virus that erases my harddrive and that virus works because of Microsoft's negligence, I should be able to sue Microsoft for damages. This is will make sure Microsoft does not release any software that is NOT secure.

Stop Microsoft from hording money. They do not need the billions of dollars they have in assets. Make them operate without that kind of monetary power. There should be a law that states that if companies amass that much cash, that they have to start giving shareholders dividends or convert it into other tangible assets other than money.

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